to task but not the officers;

(c) if so, whether such officers have been sent out on foreign postings to avoid legal action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) have reported that after investigating the complaints received, they would initiate such action as deemed necessary in case any officer is found guilty. The LIC have confirmed that no officer can avoid legal action simply because he has been posted on a foreign assignment in case he is found guilty. In case of a few Agents who had not fulfilled the prescribed norms, already Club-Membership discontinuation letters had been sent.

भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट और भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा रिलायंस औद्योगिक समूह में किया गया निवेश

2227. **श्री संजय गौतम:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट और भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा रिलायंस औद्योगिक समूह में कुल कितना-कितना निवेश किया गया;

(ख) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान इन दोनों वित्तीय संस्थाओं की इस समूह में वित्तीय धारिता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ग) क्या उक्त औद्योगिक समूह द्वारा वित्तीय लेन-देन में भारी पैमाने पर अनेक अनियमितताएं बरती गई हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई जांच करवाई है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० देबी प्रसाद पॉल): (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Package of Regional Rural Banks available to Rural Branches of Commercial Banks

2228. SHRI Z RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether package of measures recently applicable of Regional Rural Banks are also available to rural branches of Commercial Banks since inception;

(b) whether a number of rual branches of Commercial Banks are running with losses inspite of such facilities;

(c) steps taken by Government to select Tripura Gramin Bank for restructuring; and

(d) by when it is expected to be selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have been allowed to undertake non-fund business as part of a package introduced for strengthening them. These facilities were already available in the branches of commercial banks including rural branches since inception. Besides, RRBs have been allowed to give credit to non-target groups upto 60% of the fresh lending. The commercial banks were already allowed to give credit upto 60% to such groups.

(b) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), some rural branches of commercial banks are running into losses.

(c) and (d) Tripura Gramin Bank was among 50 RRBs recommended by a Committee set up by RBI for the purpose of restructuring of RRBs during 1994-95. This bank, however, has not been taken up for restructuring through infusion of equity so far due to its very weak financial position and huge losses. A separate study has been made by a team